

Dereel News

DEREEL SPOKES

About Us

Dereel Spokes is published by the Dereel Community Hub Inc. (DCHI).

DCHI is a group of local people who work together to create local events, discuss new ideas, plan new local projects and bring local news to the Dereel community.

We are independent and we work with other local groups and members of the community for the benefit of all of us.

Curious?

If you are interested in finding out more, please come to a DCHI meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome and you don't have to be a member of DCHI.

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Our Community is Emerging

If you are new to Dereel, this may be the first newsletter you've seen. If you've lived here for a while, you might be wondering what happened to us. COVID-19 has had quite an impact on the social life of the Dereel community, with the closure of our public buildings.

Happily, we are all starting to emerge and explore how we can connect in 2021. In this issue you will find information from local groups including:

1. How groups are currently operating.
2. How you can connect with local people.
3. Current information on issues which affect Dereel people.



Above: *The Dereel Walking Group in 2019* (photo: Lucy Osmond) **Right:** *Orchid leaf emerging through bracken* (photo: Lisa G Hunter)



Contributions

Local news by local people

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Local Group News

Dereel-Enfield Scout Group

We meet at the Harrison Reserve, Briardale Avenue in Enfield.

- Dereel-Enfield Cubs (8-11yrs) run Fridays 6-7:30pm, during the school term.
- Scouts (12-15yrs) run Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm during the school term.

At the moment we are seeking donations of camping gear in good condition. If you have stretchers, camp mattresses, unused tents, or camp cooking gear, that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to the group. Contact:

Phone: Claire Kent 0410 768 803
email: ClaireKentdesg@gmail.com



Dereel-Enfield Cubs on a recent camp in Eumerella Scout Camp.

Community Garden

Local volunteer Kim Stanley has been working hard to maintain the Community Garden over the lockdown period.

If you would like to be involved, contact Kim via the Dereel Community Gardening Facebook page or turn up on the third Saturday of the month from 2pm to 4pm. All families and individuals are welcome to gather, share and grow.

The group's aim:

"Our gardens will not just be a place for growing plants and food, but a place to grow as a community. To grow our skills and share them with each other and the younger people of our community. A place where we can become sustainable as a community and grow and share our own local produce. A place where we can move forward together."



The Dereel Community Garden was an excellent setting for the Easter Egg Hunt in April 2019.

Dereel Spokes Submission Guidelines

Dereel Spokes is published by the Dereel Community Hub Inc. (DCHI) in print, and online formats.

Our focus is on local community news. We accept photos and articles of interest to the Dereel community in the spirit of bringing the community together: announcements, local events, flora and fauna, light news from local community groups, schools, sporting clubs, agricultural organisations and other items. You must own copyright for photographs you submit. Please include signed permission to publish if your photo includes a person.

We do not publish jokes, political comments or advertising. We also reserve the right not to publish items we consider offensive to the community.

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The Dereel Spokes Website

A Submission form and more information about Dereel Spokes and the Dereel community can be found on our website

www.dereelspokes.com

How to Connect in 2021

Golden Plains Gatherings

Community Picnics

Dereel resident Phillip Damon has shared locations where interested Dereel people can share a picnic each month. Locations for 2021 are:

May 2nd

Edinburgh Gardens, Linton.

June 6th

The Birdcage Cafe, Lismore.

July 4th

Jubilee Lake, Skipton.

August 1st

Smythesdale Gardens, Smythesdale.

September 5th

Lawson's Park, Inverleigh.

October 3rd

Dereel Community Centre, Swamp Road,- Deree.

November 7th

Bunjil Lookout, Maude.

December 5th

Shelford/Leigh River Picnic Area, Shelford.

Precise locations are posted within the Facebook group prior to the day. BYO everything.

Art In Dereel

Intuitive Painting

Local artists were meeting regularly in 2019 for art-based workshops and to plan the Community Arts Festival, held in November 2019.

Due to COVID-19, workshops are still on hold, but we currently get together once a month to chat, have a laugh and paint together for Intuitive Painting days. Numbers are limited, but there is room for another couple of people. If you would like to be one of them, please email us:

Glynis and Lisa: artindereel@gmail.com

Art In Dereel has a presence in social media too. Join our group online if you want to know about new workshops, when we are able to run them:

Closed Facebook Group: Art In Dereel

Open Facebook Page: Art In Dereel—Local Artists

Many Dereel artists are also members of GP Arts Inc. who run the GP Community Arts Trail. See their website gpartsinc.com.au for more details.

Dereel Community Hub Inc.

Our Next Meeting

The Dereel Community Hub Inc. meetings are open to all members of the Dereel community. Our next meeting is scheduled for:

Monday 3rd May

7pm

**Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall
14 Swamp Road, Dereel**

Due to COVID-19 policies applied to the location, we have a maximum of 19 people who can attend.

If you would like to come to the meeting, please contact us via dereelspokes@gmail.com to reserve your place.

Calls for interest in Zoom

Our group is wondering if the Dereel community would like to view our meetings over Zoom. If you would prefer to be part of the meeting from your home via Zoom, please let us know by Monday 26th April so we have time to organise this. Contact us by emailing dereelspokes@gmail.com

What Does the Dereel Community Hub Inc. (DCHI) Do?

We are a not-for-profit group of Dereel residents who work together to:

- hold social events,
- create this Dereel Spokes newsletter and the corresponding website DereelSpokes.com,
- apply for grants to develop the community facilities for local people,
- enable interest groups to exist and be covered by Public Liability Insurance
- oversee the Community Planning process in conjunction with other local groups.

Have a chat to one of our office holders if you would like to find out more:

President:	Carol Moyse
Vice President:	Rick Olsson
Secretary:	Stephen O'Dea
Treasurer:	Donna Keating
Assistant Treasurer:	Jan Elford
Assistant Secretary:	Lisa Hunter

Our Community Spaces



Geoff from the Men's Shed with 'In the Garden' mural, a collaboration between the people of Dereel and local artist Glynis M Bryden through the Art In Dereel grant.

Art In Dereel and The Men's Shed Murals on Display

Thanks to the Dereel and Surrounding Communities Mens Shed for mounting the two murals created at the Dereel Arts Festival in November 2019.

With the theme "In the Garden" one mural was created by adults attending the Arts Festival, with local artist Glynis M Bryden adding her distinctive drawings to bring the painting together. In a similar collaboration, children from the community contributed to a second mural with the theme "Having Fun". Again, Glynis added her delightful touch to complete the painting.

Both murals have been stored on the stage at the Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall over the year long period where the Hall and Community Centre have been closed. Now that the community is emerging from COVID-19 lockdowns, the Men's Shed were able to place the murals in their permanent locations.

Thanks to everyone involved in this project, which was funded by the Golden Plains Shire Community Grant for Art In Dereel.



Geoff from the Men's Shed placing the 'Having Fun' mural, created by Dereel's children and local artist Glynis M Bryden through the Art In Dereel grant.

DCHI and the Dereel Men's Shed

Paving Grant

Dereel Community Hub Inc. members Lorraine Ellis and Pam Bailey applied for a Golden Plains Shire Community Grant to pave the area between the back of the Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall, the back of the CERT building and the side of the kitchen. This is part of the Dereel Community Garden plan, with the aim of creating an alfresco area to sit and eat when community events are run.

The Dereel Men's Shed managed the project, buying materials and doing the paving. So now it's ready for the next stage.

Thank you to everyone involved in completing this project. The next round of Community Planning could provide an opportunity for some furniture and plants in this space.



Paving completed! Thanks to an application for the Golden Plains Shire Community Grant by the Dereel Community Hub, and the work of the Men's Shed.

Our Community Spaces



New Shelves

Book Swap and Food Is Free

The Dereel Men's Shed have been very busy lately, and this is another of their projects installed for the community to use. David Jaunzems refurbished a cabinet and shelves, which have been installed near the children's mural.

The cupboard at the top will serve as a library or book exchange when the Community Centre is closed, with glass doors protecting the books. The larger community library is located in the Dereel Community Centre building, alongside the Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall.

The open shelves below the book exchange are for the Food Is Free Dereel contributions. You may leave **plant-based food, seeds, plants** and take what you can use. Please don't leave perishable foods.

Use the **Food Is Free Dereel Facebook page** to notify the community there is food to collect so your produce is used.

Playground Upgrade

The Golden Plains Shire were at work in Dereel in 2020, making upgrades to the playground.



What's On?

This list combines information from all of the local community groups.

Dereel Hall/Community Centre Future Meeting: Management

7pm, Tuesday 4th May
Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall,
14 Swamp Road, Dereel.

Brodie Marston. Acting Coordinator Recreation & Community Facilities with the Golden Plains Shire Council has requested a meeting with interested Dereel residents, to discuss the management of the Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall and Community Centre once integrated living's contract expires in June 2021.

Meeting purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to explore if there is any interest for a new community group to be developed, specifically to manage the Hall and the Community Centre. A limit of 19 people can attend the meeting due to the governing COVID safe plan, so Brodie has requested that only people genuinely interested in volunteering for this potential new group to attend.

Brodie emphasised that no decisions have been made at this point. This meeting is an initial meeting to discuss what would be involved for the new group, what the responsibilities would be and then decide whether an opportunity exists to create a new group to take on management.

Interested Volunteers – Please RSVP

Places are limited, so an RSVP is required to keep to the 19 person capacity. If you would like to attend the meeting, please email Brodie Marston to register your interest:

Email: brodie.marston@gplains.vic.gov.au

Phone: 5220 7182

Meeting details:

Time 7pm,

Date Tuesday 4th May

Location Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall,
14 Swamp Road Dereel,

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100 Years—History Day

The 100 year anniversary of the opening of the Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall will be celebrated on Saturday 22nd May. This is an event for all members of the Dereel community.

The history display is presented by Julie Donaghy. Julie has been researching the history of Dereel for many years and has accumulated maps, documents, memorabilia and objects of historical significance.

Time: 10am to 4pm

Date: Saturday 22nd May

Location: Dereel Soldier's Memorial Hall
14 Swamp Road, Dereel
(just off the Colac-Ballarat Road).

Julie's collection will be on display in the Hall, and Julie has organised a program of events for the day.

10am The hall will be opened by our Golden Plains Mayor, Helena Kirby

10.30am Dereel/Enfield Scouts will be doing a Flag Raising Ceremony with the Australian, Indigenous & Torres Strait Islander Flags

11am A Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony with Barry Gilson, Wadawurrung Man, Singer, Poet and Storyteller

A free BBQ will follow at the public Rotunda area, near the Skate Park

The history display will include local history of the Hall, original town plan and buildings, the families who settled here, the local racecourse, gold mining, Dereel Co-Op, family history, maps, schools, and Churches. Historical photographs of Dereel will be projected onto the wall

This event is sponsored by Golden Plains Wind Farm. A Covid Safe Event.

Regular Events

Walk and Cuppa

Tuesdays from 8:30am, Dereel Kitchen

Join the walking group on a Tuesday morning. Enjoy having a chat in the kitchen or going for a walk in the local area followed by a cuppa.

Mobile Library

Thursdays 2.15-3.00pm, Dereel Hall Car Park

The mobile library from Geelong Regional Library visits weekly, except the last Thursday of month.

Dereel Community Gardening Group

Third Saturday of the month, 2pm to 4pm:

Help us plant and maintain the Dereel Community Garden on the third Saturday of the month.

New members welcome. We have new gardening projects planned and maintenance of the existing gardens is also needed.

For more information, contact Kim: 0438 461 133

Dereel Men's Shed

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9am to 2pm

The Men' Shed is open on Wednesday and Saturday from 0900 to 1600. New members are welcome. Come and visit and have a coffee and a chat.

If you have any small projects or repairs bring them in and work on them. Wood working and metal work facilities are available.

Contact Gordon on 0448 843 426 or Geoff.

Dereel Communicates on Facebook

Pages and Groups to Join

Dereel is spread out over a large geographic area, and there are not many places to bump into people, so Facebook fills the gap. If you are new in town, check these groups and pages.

Pages

Dereel Spokes (online version of this newsletter)

Dereel CFA Brigade

Dereel Communities Mens Shed

Dereel Community Spaces

Art In Dereel – Local Artists (local art events)

Food Is Free Dereel

Groups

Dereel Outpost (community sharing of information)

Art In Dereel (group for local artists to chat)

History of Dereel

Dereel Community Gardening

Dereel Buy, Swap, Sell and Trade services

Golden Plains Gatherings (picnics with local people)

Dereel Arty, Crafty, People (share art and craft links)

Our Local Environment

Autumn Wildflowers

If you look hard in the bushland of Dereel, you may find some of our tiny local orchids. Three of them are flowering now.

The Parson's Bands Orchids are approximately 5 cm high, with two prominent white lower petals.



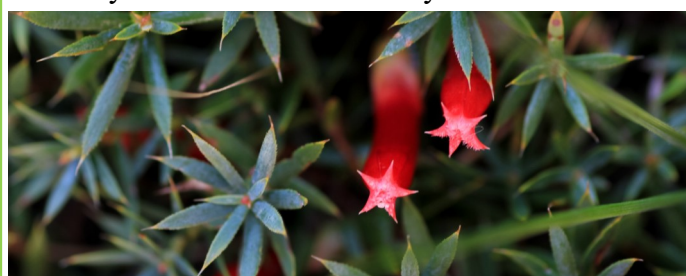
Above: Parsons Bands Orchid. Below left, Tiny Greenhood, Below right, Mosquito Orchid



About the same size are Tiny Greenhoods, one of the many species of Greenhood Orchids which grow locally. Many people are familiar with the Nodding Greenhood which flowers later in the year.

Slightly early this year, the Mosquito Orchid is also in flower. As its name suggests this is a tiny plant with one heart-shaped leaf flat to the ground and a purple stem with a number of tiny flowers.

Also common in Dereel is a native ground cover with tiny red flowers—Cranberry Heath.



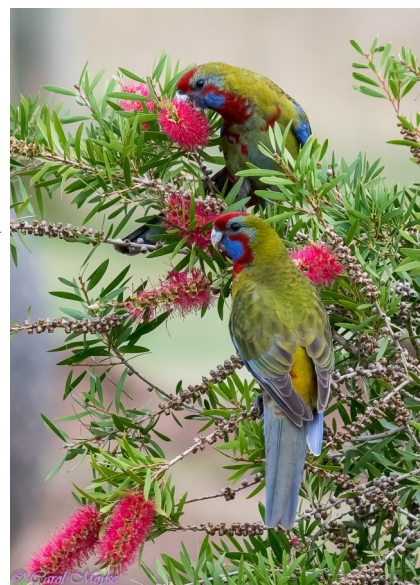
Above: Cranberry Heath

Local Birds: Crimson Rosella

Carol Moyse photographed these juvenile Crimson Rosella in Dereel.

As they age, the birds will replace their green feathers with beautiful red feathers.

They are chatty and very common in and around Dereel.



Weeds: Creeping Bluebell

Although native to Western Australia, the Creeping Bluebell (*Billardiera fusiformis*) is an invasive weed in Victoria, and is growing wild on properties in Dereel as well as on the side of the road. This plant grows vigorously and thick, choking out the local indigenous plants.

Remove it by hand, including the roots, and bag it before disposing of it so that it doesn't spread.

Creeping Bluebell has blue flowers and pendulous seed pods, and extremely long invasive root system.



Above, Creeping Bluebell showing flowers (left) and seed pods (right).

To find out more about any of the plants on this page, go to **Flora of Victoria – vicflora.rbg.gov.au**

Dereel CERT News

Planning for an Emergency

House Numbers and Gates

Planning ahead for emergencies is something many people in Dereel do well, especially planning for bush fires. But there are other emergencies we could prepare for so much better than we do.

Imagine being injured and home alone. You are able to reach the phone, and the front door is unlocked. Soon, help is on the way. As you look expectantly towards the road, you watch the flashing lights drive past your driveway completely, returning some minutes later, pausing in the drive as they look for your house number.

You may be surprised how often this happens in emergency situations. Way too many times!

How you can prepare

There are a few simple things you can do to help speed emergency services to your doorstep.

1. Make sure your house number is easily seen as you approach the driveway from either end of the road.
2. Put large reflective numbers beside the gate to be seen both day and night.
3. When your address is Alpha street, but your driveway is around the corner in Beta street, make this clear to the emergency services. Say: 'It's number 12 alpha street, enter from Beta street.'
4. Looking up your own address on popular mapping sites and apps can reveal potential problems. Make sure they lead right to your door. If they don't, you can make or suggest edits. Perhaps you know a neighbour who is not good with computers. You could do the same for them.
5. Consider your property gates. Gates should be wide enough to fit a fire truck (3.5-4 Meters).
6. Before fitting automated gates, ask yourself, "Will emergency services be able reach me if I am unable to open the gates for them?"

These few simple steps will speed services to your door when you need us most.

Note for New Residents

In a medical emergency when you call 000 for an ambulance, the Dereel Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be paged. The CERT volunteers are a valued asset to our community.



AmbulanceVictoria

Community Emergency Response Team volunteers

Dereel

An opportunity exists for suitable local candidates to join Ambulance Victoria as Community Emergency Response Team volunteers (CERTs) in Dereel.

The role of CERTs is to assist ambulance paramedics in the provision of emergency care in Dereel and surrounding communities.

CERTs are trained in providing basic emergency care services within their local community until the ambulance arrives. They do not transport patients, but provide emergency response in locations with a low caseload and limited ambulance coverage.

Suitable local applicants must be available for a minimum of 20 hours per month to provide support to the ambulance paramedics who respond from Central Ballarat.

A suitable local applicant must be able to demonstrate:

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Teamwork and collaboration skills
- A high level of safety awareness and compliance
- A willingness to undertake training to the level of CERT
- A willingness to undertake required vaccinations as per Ambulance Victoria's requirements
- Successful completion of Police and Driver's Licence checks along with other relevant tests.

Applicants can obtain further information from Ambulance Victoria's website and a CERT Application Package from Community Centre

For more information contact Sophie Abbott on 0429427574 or email Sophie.abbott@ambulance.vic.gov.au



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Facility Management and Bookings

The Dereel Hall and Community Centre can be booked through integratedliving Australia (formerly Ballarat District Nursing and Healthcare—BDNH) who manage the Dereel Facility on behalf of the Golden Plains Shire Council.

For more information, pricing and conditions for bookings, please contact Lucy Osmond, Dereel Wellbeing Officer:

Dereel landline: 5346 1521

Mobile: 0409 247 237

Email: commhealth@integratedliving.org.au